



## The City of Houston's ADD-A-CAN and TAGS FOR BAGS Programs

The City of Houston's new Add-A-Can program provides residents with the opportunity of having a second or third garbage can serviced for a fee. Residents will continue to have their first 90-gallon container serviced free-of-charge. Yard waste bags without paper, plastics and other household items will continue to be serviced free-of-charge.

The Solid Waste Management Department crews will continue to service extra cans identified with stickers. **Extra cans that do not have stickers affixed to them after October 1, 2002 will not be serviced and will be retrieved by the Solid Waste Management Department crews.**

### How Do I Sign Up For the ADD-A-CAN Program?

Beginning September 10, 2002, City of Houston residents can sign up for the program by calling 311 to request to be put on the Add-A-Can Program. You will need to have your account number from your water bill when you call. The fee for servicing the second or third container is \$7.50 per month (plus tax) for each container for a minimum subscription of one (1) year. \*

- ?? If you already have an extra can and wish to continue to have it serviced, you **MUST** call 311 to request a sticker for your extra can. This sticker must be affixed to your can prior to October 1, 2002.
- ?? If you do not have an extra can, your can will be delivered to your residence.

### What If I Don't Need Another Can, But Sometimes I Have Extra Garbage Bags?

After October 1, 2002, extra bags of garbage will only be collected if they have a special sticker attached. This new Tags for Bags Program will allow residents the convenience of purchasing "tags" instead of additional cans if they require extra service only occasionally.

- ?? These tags will be available at local grocery stores.
- ?? Tags for bags may also be ordered on-line. A minimum of 5 sticker tags must be purchased at one time (\$1 per sticker). A \$3 processing fee will be required for on-line orders. \* Beginning, September 10, 2002, you can log onto the City of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department website at [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) and click on "Tags for Bags" to make your order.

### How May I Have My Extra Can Retrieved?

Residents not desiring to be on the Add-A-Can program may call 311 today to have their extra can(s) retrieved. After October 1, 2002, extra cans set out at the curb without the special sticker will **automatically** be retrieved by the Solid Waste Management Department.

**\* All fees for the Add-A-Can Program or the Tags for Bags Program are non-refundable.**